(ख) यदि हां, तो सन्दर्भाधीन स्वतन्त्रता मोर्चे तथा इसके क्रियाकलाप का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा) : (क) से (ग) सरकार का ध्यान 1 मार्च, 1988 के इण्डियन एक्सप्रैस में छपे समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है । "ग्रेट फ्रीडम रन" पूणे अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मैराथन ट्रस्ट द्वारा आयोजित की गई थी । आयोजकों ने सूचित किया है कि "ग्रेट फ्रीटम रन" में 1 लाख से अधिक लोगों ने भाग लिया था । "ग्रेट फ्रीडम रन" के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई वित्तीय सहायता नहीं दी गई थी ।

2956. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1988*].

Facilities to catering vendnig/bookstall etc. at Railway Stations

2957. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive for not providing essential facilities i.e. catering vending/bookstall etc. on vacant/new stations/platforms within the area of metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons for imposition of the ban for providing these facilities on vacant/new stations and platforms within the area of metropolitan cities: and

(c) what are the criteria for providing these facilities within the area of metropolitan cities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The factors taken into account for providing catering/vending and bookstall facilities at any station/platform are volume of passenger traffic, number and timings of stopping trains, demand from the passengers, congestion on platform, width of platform etc.

Writ Petition No. 386/87 by the Agents/Vendors of Gulab Singh and Sons

2958. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agents/vendors of M/s. Gulab Singh and Sons have declared in the Civil Writ Petition No. 386/87 in Supreme Court that the entire work is sublet to them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Agents/vendors made a representation to the Ministry that they are running the bookstalls with their own investment since March, 1985, paying the lumpsum amount in shape of rent to M/s. Gulab Singh and Sons; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some applications have been received from some Agents/Vendors of Gulab Singh & Sons for allotment of bookstalls in which it has been stated that the applicants are running bookstalls with their own investments since March 1985 and paying some rent to M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons.

(c) The applications for allotment of bookstalls will be considered by the Northern Railway as per extent policy, and in the light of the observations of the Supreme Court made in the order passed in writ petition No. 386 of 1987.

Allotment of bookstalls to M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Prakashan Sehkari Samiti Ltd.

2959. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2577 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Parkashan Sehkari

Samiti Ltd. formed with 13 actual workers/ vendors attached to Railway bookstall and with seven outsiders;

(b) if so, what are the norms and directives in this regard; and

(c) what are the rules under which this society is declared as genuine for allotment of bookstalls at Railway stations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) At the time of application, M/s. Shikshit Berojgar Mudran Prakasran Sehkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad comprised of 20 members of which 13 had earlier worked in bookstalls, and 7 were new.

(b) and (c) The main points considered for verifying the genuineness of Co-operative Society, are that it should be registered with the Registrar of Cooperative Society of the respective State Governments, it should consist of actual workers, and the affairs of the Society are run in accordance with the practice and principles of a cooperative.

Facilities of bookstalls in Railway Stations by M/s Gulab Singh and Sons

2960. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements are being made in advance by the Railways prior to 31st May, 1988 for continuance of essential facility of bookstalls on different stations where M/s Gulab Singh & Sons are having bookstalls; and

(b) whether the decision of allotment of bookstalls on those different railway stations will be taken as per Government policy on merit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Applications are being invited by Northern Railway for allotment of bookstall contracts at all stations to be vacated by M/s Gulab Singh & Sons on 31.5.1988.

(b) It is proposed to allot the stalls as per extent policy and in the light of observations of the Supreme Court made in the order passed in Writ Petition No. 386 of 1987.

Interview for award of bookstall at Shivaji Stations

2961. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railway had called the application and interviewed the applicants for award of bookstall contract at Shivaji Station; and

(b) if so, the date by when the allotment is being made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision regarding allotment has already been taken.

Avro planes operating in Madhya Pradesh

2962. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the out of two Avro planes operating in Madhya Pradesh, one was withdrawn on the ground that Indian Airlines has No. H.S.-748 avro aircraft placed at Delhi, thereby denying the rightful claims of major cities like Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, how do the Government propose to link Jabalpur with Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) and (b) Delhi/ Jabalpur HS-748 service was withdrawn due to very poor passenger load factor and as such the HS-748 aircraft positioned at Delhi to operate the subject service was also withdrawn. Passengers travelling between Delhi and Jabalpur have been provided both ways connection at Bhopal on all days of the week.